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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS OF GREEK OBJECTION TO NATO SUMMIT

1. MOST ATHENS DAILIES REPORTED APRIL 11 ON BASIS OF UNIDENTIFIED BRUSSELS SOURCES THAT GREECE WAS AMONG SEVERAL NATIONS RESISTING PROPOSAL OF NATO SUMMIT AND, ALSO, THAT GREECE WOULD CONTINUE ON PATH OF WITHDRAWAL FROM MILITARY ARM OF NATO. LATTER ITEM FROM ATHENS SOURCE.

2. GIST OF STORY CONTAINED IN FOLLOWING FROM TO VIMA WHOSE MAIN HEADLINE WAS "GREECE REJECTS SUMMIT MEETING OF NATO." SUB-HEADLINE: "PROCEDURE FOR MILITARY WITHDRAWAL ADVANCES." TEXT: "A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT SOURCE IN ATHENS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PROCEDURE FOR THE MILITARY WITHDRAWAL OF GREECE FROM THE MILITARY (ARM) OF NATO IS ADVANCING WHILE PARALLEL TELEGRAMS FROM BRUSSELS REPORT THAT GREECE AND THREE OTHER COUNTRIES--MEMBERS OF NATO-HAVE EXPRESSED HESITATION IN RELATION TO A BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR A SUMMIT MEETING OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE NEXT MONTH IN THE BELGIAN CAPITAL." COMMENT: AS IS OBVIOUS, THE TEXT DID NOT SUPPORT THE HEADLINES.
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